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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TOSHIHIKO TSUJI)
Application No.: 09/434,300)
Filed: November 5, 1999)
For: OPTICAL ELEMENT WITH)
ALIGNMENT MARK, AND)
OPTICAL SYSTEM HAVING)
SUCH OPTICAL ELEMENT : November 21, 2003
Examiner: P. Natividad
Group Art Unit: 2877

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

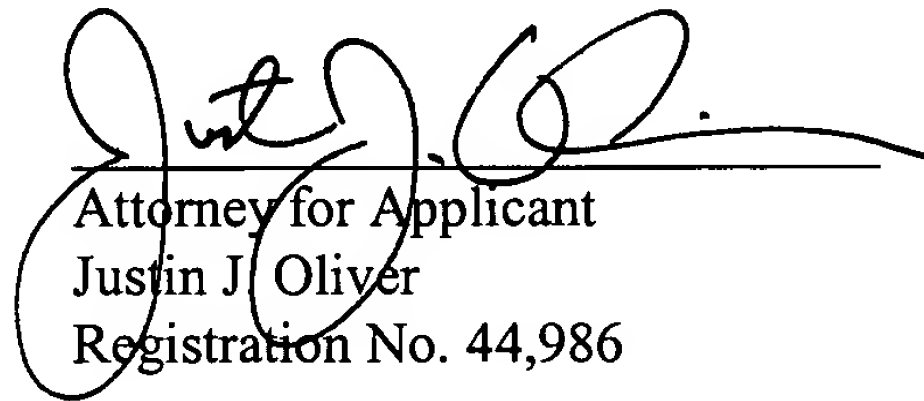
Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003, for three months from August 21, 2003, up to November 21, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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